



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5658

LCO No. 3868

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT EXPANDING THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OF POLICE OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-294e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general statute or special
4 act or local law, ordinance or charter to the contrary, each police officer
5 shall forfeit his appointment and position unless recertified by the
6 council according to procedures and within the time frame established
7 by the council.

8 (b) The Police Officer Standards and Training Council may adopt
9 any regulations it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of
10 section 7-294a, subsection (a) of section 7-294b, sections 7-294c, 7-294d
11 and this section in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, giving
12 due consideration to the varying factors and special requirements of
13 law enforcement units. Such regulations shall be binding upon all law
14 enforcement units, except the Division of State Police within the
15 Department of Public Safety.

16 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of regulations adopted under
17 subsection (b) of this section, any person certified as a police officer on
18 and after the effective date of this section shall have such certification
19 revoked unless not more than five years after certification such person
20 attains an associate's degree or its equivalent from an accredited
21 institution.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

PS *Joint Favorable C/R*

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